Unauthorised occupation of public land

*303. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether some of the ground floor allottees of Block No. 21 Lodhi Colony, New Delhi have appropriated the common open space among themselves thus putting the first floor allottees to disadvantage;

(b) whether some ground floor allottees of aforesaid Block had unauthorisedly occupied the public land beyond the wall; and

(c) whether the C.P.W.D. have also contributed unwittingly in this illegal act by putting barbed wire-fencing on payment basis?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The CPWD have provided fencing under the 10% scheme for 4 allottees on lands that are appurtenant to the quarter and which cannot be used as common space and also to prevent encroachments by third parties.

Wherever there is unauthorised occupation in common areas such as play grounds, CPWD has been asked to take strict action against the same.

Mandatory telecast of channels by cable networks

*304. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether DD-Bharati Broadcasting Corporation of India has made it mandatory for cable networks to telecast three DD channels on their network; and

(b) the States where DD-Bharati will have to be shown compulsorily by cable operators?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) DD-Bharati has been made a channel to be carried by all cable operators in Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Delhi, Goa, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Uttaranchal.

Objections of CAG in BALCO disinvestment

†*305. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that CAG has made serious objections in respect of BALCO disinvestment deal in its interim report;

(b) if so, whether CAG has made a reference to the department for not assessing the captive power plant at BALCO; and

(c) by when the CAG report would be laid on the Table of the House?

THE MINISTER OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) and (b) The Comptroller & Auditor General has made certain observations in its Draft Inspection Report on disinvestment of Government equity in BALCO. Government's reply thereto has been sent to the office of CAG. The CAG has yet to furnish its final report.

(c) No time period for laying the CAG report on the Table of the House can be indicated.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.